



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE TRANSFER OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OF THE SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES FOR THE WHITSETT SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD PROJECT
THIRD DISTRICT
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will transfer \$165,000 in unspent Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, from the Calvert Elementary School Greening Project, under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for the proposed Whitsett Synthetic Soccer Field Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Whitsett Synthetic Soccer Field Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Approve the transfer of \$165,000 in unspent Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles, under Section (3), Subsection (c), and Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, originally for the Calvert Elementary School Greening Project to the proposed Whitsett Synthetic Soccer Field Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$165,000 to the City of Los Angeles for its Whitsett Synthetic Soccer Field Project when applicable

conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Los Angeles (City) to transfer \$165,000 in unspent Per Parcel Funds, originally allocated under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Calvert Elementary School Greening Project, to the proposed Whitsett Synthetic Soccer Field Project (Project).

The Calvert Elementary School Greening Project was originally funded with \$165,000 in Per Parcel funds under the 1996 Proposition, and was awarded to Los Angeles Unified School District after the assignment of the right to apply from the City. However, the Calvert Elementary School Greening Project was completed through other funding sources. As a result, the City has requested that the original allocation in the amount of \$165,000 be transferred to the proposed Project instead.

The proposed Project, located at 12240 Archwood Street in the North Hollywood area of Los Angeles, will include the site development and construction of a new synthetic soccer field. The total estimated Project cost is \$1,455,000. The recommended \$165,000 of unspent 1996 Proposition (Proposition A) Per Parcel Funds will be supplemented with \$325,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds, \$245,000 in Quimby funds, and \$720,000 of City of Los Angeles Proposition K funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to the City of Los Angeles when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by allowing the City to use reallocated grant funds to construct a new synthetic soccer field in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant of \$165,000 is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the condition that the Board denies the City's request, the City may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request the Board's approval to fund different projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional

Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of site development and the construction of a new synthetic soccer field, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 and 15311 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 and 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves the construction of new accessory structures

The proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009. The Grant Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through RPOSD, but are required so that the City may utilize the unspent grant funds on the proposed Project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Director

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Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors